

**WILDERNESS TREK
CHRISTIAN CAMP
P.O. BOX 2181
LONGVIEW, TEXAS
75606**

Wilderness Trek is a rugged six day adventure which includes such experiences as basic mountaineering, survival skills, backpacking techniques, cooking, orienteering, ecology, and other camping skills. The basic concept of Trek is that through backpacking, stress of the unknown, and hardship experiences, one will discover qualities about themselves that are basic to good self esteem and self confidence.

Wilderness Trek was developed to serve youth groups in four areas :

1. Leadership growth.
2. Strengthen relationships within your group.
3. Develop stress coping skills.
4. Build character through courage and adventure.

Each Trek begins on Saturday with lunch, then equipment and crew assignment. The staff teaches a session on mountain living to help prepare each crew. The evening is eventful with songs, spiritual lessons, and sharing times. After worship on Sunday, the group hikes to the first trail camp. Each group will have an opportunity to climb a fourteen thousand foot mountain during the week. They return on Thursday for an evening awards banquet. Arrangements for white water rafting on the Arkansas river are available on the Friday after your Trek is completed at additional cost. All participants under 18 years of age must have parental consent.

Wilderness Trek Christian Camp is a non-profit organization which exists to enable churches to use this ministry of Christian camping. It has contracted with Woods and Trails of Twin Lakes, Colorado to provide outfitting and guide services. Bobby and Jolene Wood will serve as camp directors. They organized and directed the first Wilderness Trek camping program in 1976. Their experience in camping spans 25 years.

The base facility for W.T.C.C. operations is built on 40 acres nestled against National Forest near Colorado's highest peak, Mount Elbert. Most of the treks will be within the Sawatch mountain Range which contains 15 mountains over fourteen thousand feet high. Both the Collegiate and Mt. Massive wilderness are within hiking distance of the property.

Wilderness Trek Christian Camp serves as the link between your local congregation and Woods and Trails Outfitters in Twin Lakes, Colorado. It is our responsibility to provide the following :



1. Board of Directors
2. Organizational procedures :
 - a. promotional materials (printed and visual).
 - b. Operational policies (business guidelines).
 - c. Correspondence with Board of Directors.
 - d. Correspondence with those interested in Trek. Will provide information for resource speakers for those interested in a Trek presentation.
 - e. Correspondence with Trekking congregations (includes contractual agreements and training helps).
 - f. Correspondence with Woods and Trails.
 - g. Maintains a filing system of all records.
3. Maintain financial records :
 - a. Collection of Trek pre-registration deposits.
 - b. Collection of Trek fees.
 - c. Assign available scholarship money.
4. Trek development materials :
 - a. Trek training helps.

It is our goal to make available a detailed Trek Training Manual. It will be of great assistance to all who prepare for outdoor activities.
 - b. Crew Counselor Training Weekend (includes Adult leader training).
 - c. Additional selected training formats.

Woods and Trails (owned and operated by Bobby and Jolene Wood) has been contracted as an outfitter/guide service to provide the following :

1. Use of the name "Wilderness Trek Christian Camp".
2. Camp Director.
3. Guide services.
4. Insurance.
5. License, permits, and trail fees.
6. Qualified staff and staff management.
7. Lodging and necessary facilities.
 - a. Restrooms and showers.
 - b. Tents and camping area.
 - c. Banquet room.
8. Outfitting services :
 - a. Pack and frame.
 - b. Sleeping bag.
 - c. Insulite pad.
 - d. Tents.
 - e. Dining fly.
 - f. Backpacking cookstoves.
 - g. Fuel bottles and stove fuel.
 - h. Cooking pots.
 - i. Condiments kit.
 - j. Cutlery kit.
 - k. "AP" (all purpose) paper.



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- l. Water bags.
 - m. Ice axes.
 - n. 17 meals.
 - o. Banquet meal.
 - p. Rappelling ropes.
 - q. Belay ropes.
 - r. Climbing and rappelling harnesses and carabiners.
 - s. Safety helmets.
 - t. Snow shoes (if necessary)
 - u. Water purification solution.
 - v. Emergency first aid supplies.
 - w. Trek T-shirts

9. Food :

a. Beginning with noon meal on Saturday preceeding Trek and ending with breakfast on Friday following Trek.

b. Includes Thursday night banquet.

10. Arrangements for white water rafting (if requested).




Once you have made a contract to participate in Wilderness Trek, your responsibilities are as follows :

1. Provide transportation to and from Woods and Trails; Twin Lakes, Colorado. Also, if needed, provide transportation to and from trail head.

2. Select and train Crew Leaders.

3. Have crews divided before Trek begins.



4. Detail individual responsibilities for trekkers. Make sure every member is familiar with basic camp skills.

5. Provide general first aid supplies.
(List of suggested items will be available.)

6. Plan a schedule for collecting Trek fees, so that, final balance can be paid on or by due date. This is extremely important because of the equipment and supplies which need to be prepared for your group !



7. Communicate your needs with us, so that, we can help you make your Trek the best it can possibly be.

The fee per trekker is \$175.00. It includes everything provided by Wilderness Trek Christian Camp and Woods and Trails Outfitter/Guide service. It is our goal -- from the initial mail out to the final evaluation -- to provide you with the tools necessary for a quality program.



For scheduling your Wilderness Trek in the coming year, write Wilderness Trek Christian Camp; P.O. Box 2181; Longview, Texas 75606 or call 214-758-0161 (Gibby Gilbert) or 214-663-3111 (David Hines).

Here's a list of items which each person will need to bring on Trek. These items are the personal responsibility of each trekker. :

Clothing

Necessary items :

2 T shirts
1 long sleeve shirt
Windbreaker, jacket, or parka
1 pair of jeans or knickers
1 pair of modest hiking shorts
2 pair of lightweight socks
(preferably wool/cotton blend)
2 pair of heavy socks
(preferably wool or wool/cotton blend)
Poncho
Underwear
(preferably more than one pair !)
Hiking boots or jogging type shoes
(well broken in)
Second pair of shoes
(old sneakers)
1 pair of thermal underwear

Optional items :

Hat
Bandana
Gloves
Wind-pants
Jogging suit
Gaiters



Personal Gear

Necessary items :

1 quart water bottle
Sierra cup and spoon
Pocket knife
Whistle
Sunglasses
Chapstick
Sunscreen (high amount of PABA)
Insect repellent (75% or more of DEET)
Small Bible
Matches or Bic lighter
Toilet paper in ziploc bag
Small flashlight (extra batteries)
Toothbrush
Biodegradable soap
Hairbrush or comb
Towel
Toiletries
2 large trash bags

Optional items :

Compass
Trail map
Notepad and pen
Personal first aid items
Personal medicines
25 ft. of cord/rope
Camera and film
Fishing equipment
Day pack or fanny pack
Binoculars
Snack food / munchies

Wilderness Trek Christian Camp is hosted on the facilities of Woods and Trails located near Twin Lakes, Colorado. The property lies north of Highway 82 (Independence Pass) at the base of Mt. Elbert (Colorado's highest peak). Leadville is 15 miles to the north and Buena Vista is 24 miles to the south.

